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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3748**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2671

Application No.: 09/889,372

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For: IMAGE GENERATION SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 13, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-6, 10-16 and 20-27 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 10-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Foley ("Computer Graphics: Principles And Practice") in view of Deering (U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0011618A1), and further in view of Griffin (U.S. Patent No. 5,990,904). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Neither Foley, Deering nor Griffin, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests sorting objects of which alpha values are varied so that the objects are drawn in succession starting from an object nearest to the viewpoint, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 10, 11, 20, 21 and 27.